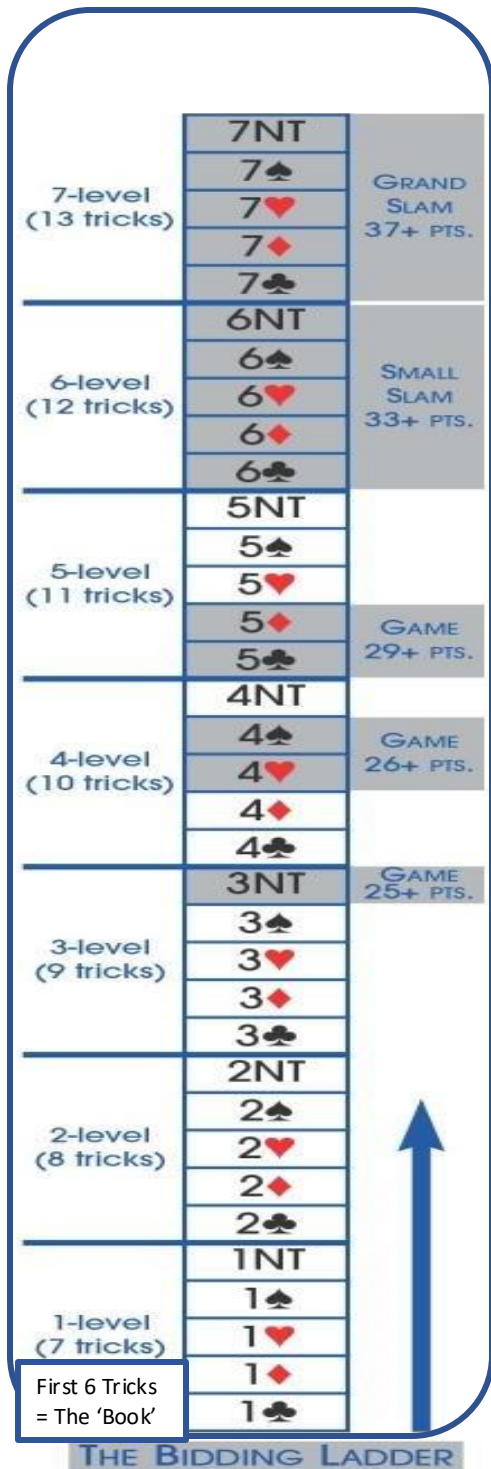


# Bridge Bidding Ladder

## Where & How High to Bid?



## Trick Values

**No Trump** = 40 points first trick,  
30 points per trick after

**Majors** = 30 points per trick

**Minors** = 20 points per trick

100 points are needed for a game

The first 6 tricks Don't count toward your contract, just tricks #7 and beyond.

## Why is scoring so important?

Because there is a large bonus for bidding and making a Game, a Slam, or a Grand Slam!

You must bid at the game level AND make your contract in order to receive the game bonus.

To make a game you need to bid and make:

3 No Trump 6 + 3 = **9 tricks**, 40+30+30 = 100

4 Spades 6 + 4 = **10 tricks**, 30+30+30+30 = 120

4 Hearts 6 + 4 = **10 tricks**, 30+30+30+30 = 120

5 Diamonds 6 + 5 = **11 tricks**, 20+20+20+20+20 = 100

5 Clubs 6 + 5 = **11 tricks**, 20+20+20+20+20 = 100

Slam **12 Tricks**, Grand Slam all **13 Tricks**

## Combined Hands HCPs (General Guidelines)

- **20 Points** – Must stay at the 2 Level
- **23 Points** - May bid to the 3 Level (including NT)
- **25/26 Points** - May bid to the 4 Level
- **28/29 Points** - May bid to the 5 Level
- 33 Points – Should be in 6 – Small Slam
- 37 Points – Should be in 7 – Grand Slam

Minors Majors

